

Poverty

- In Kentucky, 15.8% of persons are in poverty, 13.1% of persons in the Bluegrass WIA are in poverty. Poverty for families is slightly less than for persons, 12.7% and 9.5% respectively (Kentucky, Bluegrass). For most types of family and work experience, poverty rates are lower in the Bluegrass than in Kentucky. The one exception is male householders without a spouse present who work.
- Married-couple families are less likely to be in poverty than other families, 5.1% vs. 25.6%, in the Bluegrass. Approximately one-fifth of families are not comprised of married-couples. Though for other families where the householder worked full-time, the poverty rate is lower, 5.6% for male householders and 8.3% for female householders.
- The first chart on the next page shows the percentage of people below poverty by family type and work experience. It's of no surprise that very few married-couple families with both the householder and spouse working full-time, year-round are in poverty, 0.3% in Kentucky.
- In the Bluegrass, 12.2% of persons aged 18-64 were in poverty in 1999 (Census 2000). For children, the poverty rate was 16.0% and for those over the age of 65, 12.3% were in poverty.

Poverty status in 1999 by family type and work experience of householder

	Kentucky				Bluegrass WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
Total families:	1,110,426	969,907	140,519	12.7%	181,720	164,469	17,251	9.5%
Married-couple family:	870,930	801,655	69,275	8.0%	142,973	135,646	7,327	5.1%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999:	497,284	487,092	10,192	2.0%	89,889	88,683	1,206	1.3%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	221,746	221,036	710	0.3%	43,531	43,435	96	0.2%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	154,810	152,666	2,144	1.4%	26,719	26,449	270	1.0%
Spouse did not work in 1999	120,728	113,390	7,338	6.1%	19,639	18,799	840	4.3%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999:	167,314	149,004	18,310	10.9%	27,559	25,018	2,541	9.2%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	49,397	48,526	871	1.8%	8,746	8,598	148	1.7%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	61,761	55,226	6,535	10.6%	10,559	9,522	1,037	9.8%
Spouse did not work in 1999	56,156	45,252	10,904	19.4%	8,254	6,898	1,356	16.4%
Householder did not work in 1999:	206,332	165,559	40,773	19.8%	25,525	21,945	3,580	14.0%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	33,054	31,062	1,992	6.0%	4,851	4,636	215	4.4%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	33,182	26,677	6,505	19.6%	4,131	3,524	607	14.7%
Spouse did not work in 1999	140,096	107,820	32,276	23.0%	16,543	13,785	2,758	16.7%
Other family:	239,496	168,252	71,244	29.7%	38,747	28,823	9,924	25.6%
Male householder, no wife present:	56,411	45,824	10,587	18.8%	8,791	7,358	1,433	16.3%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	28,563	27,097	1,466	5.1%	5,050	4,767	283	5.6%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	13,137	9,767	3,370	25.7%	2,129	1,530	599	28.1%
Householder did not work in 1999	14,711	8,960	5,751	39.1%	1,612	1,061	551	34.2%
Female householder, no husband present:	183,085	122,428	60,657	33.1%	29,956	21,465	8,491	28.3%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	68,199	61,709	6,490	9.5%	12,830	11,762	1,068	8.3%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	53,433	28,541	24,892	46.6%	8,911	5,086	3,825	42.9%
Householder did not work in 1999	61,453	32,178	29,275	47.6%	8,215	4,617	3,598	43.8%

Poverty status in 1999 by age

	Kentucky				Bluegrass WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
All Persons:	3,927,047	3,305,951	621,096	15.8%	658,432	571,928	86,504	13.1%
Under 5 years	261,914	201,590	60,324	23.0%	43,379	35,401	7,978	18.4%
5 years	52,707	41,160	11,547	21.9%	8,472	7,085	1,387	16.4%
6 to 11 years	332,125	261,850	70,275	21.2%	53,826	45,051	8,775	16.3%
12 to 17 years	331,489	270,088	61,401	18.5%	50,978	44,063	6,915	13.6%
18 to 64 years	2,472,272	2,122,200	350,072	14.2%	430,059	377,418	52,641	12.2%
65 to 74 years	271,101	237,961	33,140	12.2%	40,399	36,397	4,002	9.9%
75 years and over	205,439	171,102	34,337	16.7%	31,319	26,513	4,806	15.3%

Source: Census 2000 (SF 3, PCT60 and P87)